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SUBJECT: CONSULAR REVIEW: TWO SOVIET AGENDA ITEMS

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1. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING FOR INITIAL RESPONSE ON FOLLOWING SOVIET AGENDA ITEMS;
 2. TRANSIT OF SOVIET AIRLINE PASSENGERS THROUGH USA:
TO QUALIFY FOR TRANSIT WITHOUT A VISA AN APPLICANT FOR ADMISSION UNDER THIS PRIVILEGE MUST ESTABLISH THAT HE IS ADMISSIBLE UNDER THE IMMIGRATION LAWS; THAT HE HAS CONFIRMED AND ONWARD RESERVATIONS TO AT LEAST THE NEXT COUNTRY BEYOND THE UNITED STATES, AND THAT HE WILL CONTINUE HIS JOURNEY ON THE SAME LINE OR A CONNECTING LINE WITHIN EIGHT HOURS AFTER HIS ARRIVAL; HOWEVER, IF THERE IS NO SCHEDULED TRANSPORTATION WITHOUT THAT 8-HOUR PERIOD, CONTINUATION OF THE JOURNEY THEREAFTER ON THE FIRST AVAILABLE TRANSPORT WILL BE SATISFACTORY. SINCE AEROFLOT FLIGHTS DO NOT CONTINUE ON FROM NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON
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TO A THIRD COUNTRY, PASSENGERS TRAVELLING ON THAT AIRLINE

CANNOT QUALIFY FOR THIS PRIVILEGE..

3. ISSUANCE OF VISAS IN SOVIET DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS:
UNDER US LAWS AND REGULATIONS A DIPLOMATIC VISA MAY
BE ISSUED IN ANY NONIMMIGRANT CLASSIFICATION. THE ONLY
PRIVILEGES AND COURTESIES THAT ATTACH TO A DIPLOMATIC
VISA PER SE ARE THOSE WHICH TAKE PLACE AT THE TIME THE
VISA IS ISSUED; I.E., EXEMPTION FROM FEE, EXEMPTION FROM
PERSONAL APPEARANCE.

4. INsofar AS THE FUNCTIONS OF THE IMMIGRATION OFFICER
AT THE ALIEN'S PORT OF ENTRY ARE CONCERNED, THE HOLDER
OF A DIPLOMATIC VISA MUST QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION IN THE
SAME MANNER AS ANY OTHER NONIMMIGRANT. HOWEVER, SUCH
ALIEN IS EXTENDED THE COURTESY OF A PROMPT EXAMINATION
AT THE PORT OF ENTRY. ONLY PERSONS DOCUMENTED IN THE A,
C-3, G AND NATO CATEGORIES ARE ENTITLED TO DIPLOMATIC
RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, EXEMPTIONS AND IMMUNITIES REGARDLESS
OF WHETHER THEY ARE ISSUED DIPLOMATIC, OFFICIAL OR
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